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FIRST ELECTRIC TRACTOR INTRODUCED

LARGE-SCALE ELECTRIC PLOWING -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 127, 30 May 49

The first electric farm tractor, produced by a scientific research institute, was tested by the "Sovremenniy" Kolkhoz, Mytishchinskii Rayon, Moscow Oblast. The Scientific Research Institute of Rural Electrification rendered valuable technical aid in the production of the electric tractor. The simple design of the new tractor makes it possible to produce it serially at a low cost.

At present, about 4,500 kolkhozes in Moscow Oblast have electricity, and 27 rayons are completely electrified. This high percentage of rural electrification in Moscow Oblast will make it possible to use electric plowing on a large scale. Industrial enterprises of Mytishchinskiy Rayon have pledged to introduce production of electric tractors shortly and to use electric plowing 100 percent in 1950.

OREKHOV PLANT PRODUCES TREE-PLANTING MACHINES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 126,
31 May 49

Zaporozh'ye -- The Orekhov Machine-Building Plant is producing tree-planting machines for the first time. These were recently tried out and proved to be of excellent quality. The plant has started serial production of the machines.

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KAZAN' PLANT IMPROVES PRODUCTION OF COMBINES -- Pravda, No 160, 9 Jun 49

The Kazan' Self-Propelled Combine Plant is to increase the output of harvesting machines. Production has been speeded up by the introduction of time and labor saving devices. All assembly processes are carried out on a conveyor line. Continuous production methods have been put into practice, and molding and casting are completely mechanized. A portable electric riveting machine has been developed which is three times more productive than old mechanical models.

RYAZAN' PLANT MAKES POTATO PLANTER -- Leninskoye Znanyia, No 99, 21 May 49

The "Ryazael'mash" (Ryazan' Agricultural Machine-Building) Plant is producing the SKN tractor-drawn potato machine, which can plant 4 hectares of potatoes in one day. Its designers, N. P. Nastenka and A. A. Kashentsev, received a Stalin prize.

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